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Applicant: Leng
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Title: PROTEASE SPECIFIC CLEAVABLE LUCIFERASES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2001 (Paper No. 17), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

A. IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice.

Please enter the following rewritten claims as follows:

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Pmt-D1
1. A purified polypeptide characterized as having *Renilla* luciferase activity and a recognition site specifically cleavable by a protease, wherein cleavage results in a decrease in luciferase activity.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on November 26, 2001, in an envelope addressed to:
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